



Arlington Council on Aging

Minutes

Date: Thursday June 15, 2023 Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Sheila Connerney, Mahendra Desai, Nancy Feeney, Rick Fentin, Sherry Graham, Mary Hung, Mara Klein Collins, Michael Quinn, Bob Tosi, Marjorie Vanderhill

Select Board representative: Steve DeCoursey

Present from community: Pat O'Connell and a group of six residents supporting the Senior Parking

Location: This meeting was conducted in a hybrid format.

Kristine Shah, Executive Director

Michael Quinn, Chair

Sheila Connerney, Secretary

The Council's primary responsibilities are to design, promote, and implement programs and services to address the needs of the community's elder population, and to coordinate existing services in the community.

1. Call to order at 6:02pm
2. Citizen's Open Forum
3. Minutes of the May 2023 meeting for approval

Sheila Connerney made a motion to approve the minutes. Nancy Feeney seconded the motion. The minutes from May 2023 were approved.

4. Report: Executive Director
5. Report: Chair
6. ACPAC Sub-Committee: Appointee Update

Three candidates were interviewed by our sub committee. Steve Kelley was selected as the COA board's recommendation. His name was given to the Town Manager.

7. Senior Parking Permit Proposal: Select Board Meeting June 26
8. Town Day Booth: September 23, 10:30am-4:30pm

Volunteer opportunities for board members will be available on Town Day to help set up the booth and then run the booth during the day. A sign up will be circulated.

9. Report: Minuteman Senior Services

There are multiple vacancies for board members and volunteer positions.

There will be a ribbon cutting and open house for their new building.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

12. Other Community Announcements

13. Adjourn -

Sherry Graham made a motion to adjourn. Nancy Feeney seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Next meeting: September 21, 2023

Executive Director's Report: Kristine Shah

I. COA Programs & Services Update

a. FY23 Statistics (as of June 8):

- a. 4,113 Social Work Appointments/Walk In Visits
- b. 8,779 Rides Provided
- c. 323 Active Volunteers
- d. 26,835 events/programs occurred
- e. 9,571 scan ins by program/event participants
- f. 3,471 unique individuals served (compared to estimated 2,570 in FY22, 2,245 in FY19).
 1. 9% 60-65
 2. 15% 65-70
 3. 24% 70-74
 4. 18% 75-79
 5. 14% 80-85
 6. 20% 85+
 7. 71.6% Female, 28.4% Male

II. Budget Updates

- a. Submitted new grant applications: \$10,000 Title IIIB Funding through Minuteman Senior Services and \$35,000 from MassDOT Community Transit Grants for out of town medical appointment transportation.
- b. Sevoyan Personal Needs Fund is depleted for FY23. Request for FY24 transfer will be made at September meeting.

- III. Age & Dementia Friendly Initiatives, Board Member Engagement Opportunities:
 - a. Senior Parking Permit Project Proposal: Select Board Presentation June 26
 - b. Arlington 60+ Connection on ACMI: looking for Board Members to join an episode as guest
- IV. Closing out FY23, Board Member Round Up
- V. Other
 - a. COA Staff Highlight – Shannon Murphy, Program Coordinator